

**LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**

Thursday, March 15, 2007

Summary Minutes

Members Present:

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Mayor Carole Dillon-Knutson, City of Novato
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda, ABAG Immediate Past President
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo
Vice Mayor Surlene Grant, City of San Leandro
Vice Mayor Kasie Hildenbrand, City of Dublin
Supervisor Mike Kerns, County of Sonoma
Vice Mayor Carol Klatt, City of Daly City
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano
Supervisor Pete McHugh, County of Santa Clara
Mayor pro Tem Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek
Councilmember Arne Simonsen, City of Antioch
Vice Mayor Dave Cortese, City of San Jose

Staff Present:

Patricia Jones – ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG

- 1. Introductions:** Chair Supervisor Pete McHugh opened the meeting at 3:45.
- 2. Minutes:** January 18, 2007, minutes were reviewed and approved by those attending.
- 3. Review Latest Bills Introduced in 2007 Legislative Session**
The following bills were reviewed with the following positions recommended by the Committee.

AB 94 Levine: Renewable Energy

WATCH: Questions were raised about implementation, renewable energy resource availability, and financial impact

AB 99 Feuer: Vehicular Air Pollution Control—Clean Alternative Fuels

WATCH: Clarification is needed about what will be included under the category “clean alternative fuels.”

**AB 109 Nunez: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 —Annual Report
SUPPORT**

AB 162 Wolk: Land Use—Water Supply

WATCH closely: Questions were raised about impact as a state mandated local program and potential added fees. Need clarification on timing of water supply analyses and updates, and how this bill fits in with a package of other water bills being introduced.

AB 224 Wolk: Water Supply Planning

SUPPORT if amended: Needs clarification of how the expertise of state, regional and local are coordinated and requirements for agricultural water management planning need clarification as they apply to local agricultural water suppliers.

AB 414 Jones: Local Planning—Residential Development

OPPOSE: Interferes with local planning and restricts the maximized use of vacant sites zoned for non residential development

AB 232 Price: Housing and Community Development—Economic Opportunity Initiative

SUPPORT in concept: Questions were raised about whether this bill was restricted to just the neighborhoods identified, what would be benefits to surrounding areas, and how would funding work, as well as more specifics about the process to be used.

AB 274 Coto: Taxation—Credit—Brownfield Cleanup

SUPPORT: Also wanted follow-up analysis on any potential for financial impact on state and local budgets

**AB 665 DeSaulnier: California Growth Management Act
Watch/Placeholder bill**

AB 842 Jones: Regional Plans: Housing and Traffic Reduction

OPPOSE: Bill would require that “Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT)” be the determining metric/measure used and that the city/county’s general plan should reflect that goal. Want language changed to indicate it is only one measure and that there are others reflecting broader regional goals.

SB 111 Asburn: Property Tax—Seismic Retrofitting—Tax Assessments

SUPPORT: But need clarification on how it affects commercial and residential sites, and want an analysis of any downsides since it would be a Constitutional Amendment.

SB 144 Committee on Local Government: Local Government Omnibus Act of 2007

WATCH: Need clarification on new provisions added to this omnibus bill

SB 162 Negrete McLeod: Local Government: Organizations

SUPPORT: But need clarification on fees and implications that environmental justice or doing the right thing will cost more

SB 303 Ducheny: Local Government Housing

OPPOSE: Provisions limit local government planning options, removes opportunity for public comment by locking in planning and zoning for ten years; gives developers the ability to collect attorney’s fees against local agencies, provides no funding to update general plans every 10 years, with a number of other unacceptable provisions.

SB 375 Steinberg: CEQA—Urban Infill Projects

SUPPORT in concept: Questions about specifically what it is requiring local planning to do as a state mandated program.

SB 437 Negrete McLeod: Local Agencies—Redevelopment

WATCH: Questions on annual report process and criteria for implementation plans.

Changed the position on a bill previously considered at the last L&GO Committee meeting in January:

AB 29: Infill Development: Incentive Grants

Changed Support position to WATCH – because of amendments made on March 5 and as a result will be working with Assemblymember Hancock to clarify infrastructure grant criteria and process.

Under Open Agenda:

- The Committee received the request from CALCOG and the League of California Cities to **add SB 303 Ducheny to the list of bills** for consideration at today's meeting. The request was to take an oppose position in time for the March 27th Hearing in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

Action: The Committee agreed to consider the bill and recommended opposing SB 303.

- The committee discussed the success of the January Legislative reception held in Sacramento for the Bay Area state legislators and recommended sponsoring a reception next year, with all state Legislators invited to attend.

4. The Briefings on Flood Management, Flood Control bills, and Infrastructure and Regional Blueprint Funding were postponed until the next L&GO meeting on May 17, 2007.

5. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. *The next meeting is scheduled May 17, 2007.*